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Action in the Pan Hellenic goalmouth at Lambert Park last Sunday as Blues of APIA evades Mallard's tackle with Hignett in hot pursuit. APIA won 3-2 after repelling a determined Pan Hellenic onslaught in the latter stages of a thrilling match played in front of a near-capacity crowd.

SCHAEFER IS HALFWAY TO NEW ZEALAND

With only two championship rounds remaining, Manfred Schaefer, St. George-Budapest's Australian international defender, has a commanding lead in the 1969 SOCCER WORLD-FLOTTA LAURO Players' Contest.

Schaefer is almost certain to win the fabulous Flotta Lauro prize — a six-day cruise to New Zealand on either of the luxury liners, the "Angelina Lauro" or the "Achille Lauro".

St. George players have done extremely well in this year's contest.

Australian internationals John Warren and Attila Abonyi share second place at this stage with South Coast's brilliant English stopper, Peter Wilson.

Danny Walsh, an early contest leader, has dropped to fifth place, ahead of team-mate Watkiss and APIA's Archie Blue.

Stan Ackerley and Melita Eagles' youthful Tony Edwards are the only other players who have averaged four points or more after 20 First Division rounds.

This is how they stand at the top of the contest ladder with the 1969 season almost over:

SCHAEFER (St. George)	**4.30**
ABONYI (St. George)	4.15
WARREN (St. George)	4.15
WILSON (South Coast United)	4.15
WALSH (Hakoah)	4.11
BLUE (APIA)	4.05
WATKISS (Hakoah)	4.05
ACKERLEY (APIA)	4.00
EDWARDS (Melita Eagles)	4.00

Newcastle match was 'overlooked'

Storm in an uninformed teacup — that's what the daily press tried to create last week.

They all reported, somewhat aghast, that Joe Vlasits would require players of the national team for a practice match in Newcastle on August 20.

Most of the papers even quoted NSW president, Jim Bayutti, expressing "regret" over the matter.

Bayutti was quoted in the "Herald":

"I am very sorry we were not told two or three months ago so that we could have permitted the clubs to organise their affairs."

Well, let's see what really happened.

Last June 14 Joe Vlasits submitted his detailed program to the ASF's national team subcommittee — and one item was the August 20 match in Newcastle.

He also requested further practice matches for September 3 in Melbourne and September 17 in Sydney.

As the NSW Federation does have representation on that subcommittee, it is safe to assume that this bit of information was duly passed on to the NSW Executive.

That being the case, it's equally safe to assume that the NSW Executive duly passed it on further to the clubs.

But it appears too risky to assume that much, really.

The fact is that Vlasits did specify August 20 more than two months ago.

The question is now: where did the communication break down? In the ASF? In its subcommittee? Or perhaps in the NSW Executive?

LATEST — Further adding to the confusion of this ill-fated fixture, five members of the national squad declined, for various reasons, to travel to Newcastle.

At press time it was not known whether any action would be taken against them.

AUST. TEAM FLIES OUT TO SEOUL ON OCT. 1

Australia's World Cup squad will fly out of Sydney for Seoul on Wednesday, October 1, three days after the Sydney Grand Final.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Brian Le Fevre, announced the team's departure date this week and also confirmed that Australia had been unable to arrange a match in Hong Kong on the way.

The ASF's World Cup subcommittee will meet in Sydney this weekend to map out the final details for the national team's pre-Seoul preparation.

Coach Joe Vlasits has asked for the squad to assemble in Sydney on September 26, minus the players who will appear in the Sydney Grand Final on September 28.

The ASF, meanwhile, is awaiting an answer from the Israeli FA, as to their plans should Australia and Israel win their qualifying subgroups.

Israel and Australia must play-off for a berth in next year's finals in Mexico before December 31 if they win their respective subgroups.

Le Fevre wrote to Israel three weeks ago for suggestions of dates and venues for the play-offs as it is imperative the Australian team be fully aware of its further commitments before leaving for Seoul.

In the event of Australia winning in South Korea, the Australian Federation would prefer to play Israel on a home-and-away basis, not on a neutral ground.

The ASF would also like to play the first leg in Sydney in order to cash in on the undoubted publicity an Australian victory in Seoul would create.

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	HOME							AWAY							TOTAL							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* HOME MATCH
South Coast	10	9	1	—	26	7	19	10	5	2	3	20	17	12	20	14	3	3	46	24	31	Prague*
St. George	10	6	2	2	23	6	14	10	6	2	2	25	9	14	20	12	4	4	48	15	28	Auburn*
Hakoah	10	6	2	2	22	11	14	10	5	3	2	13	9	13	20	11	5	4	35	20	27	Pan Hellenic
APIA	10	6	2	2	16	10	14	10	2	5	3	14	14	9	20	8	7	5	30	24	23	Melita Eagles
Pan Hellenic	10	3	2	5	11	19	8	10	5	3	2	17	14	13	20	8	5	7	28	33	21	Hakoah*
Canterbury	10	2	4	4	9	14	8	10	5	2	3	12	15	12	20	7	6	7	21	29	20	Yugal
Croatia	11	4	3	4	17	13	11	9	3	2	4	15	14	8	20	7	5	8	32	27	19	Polonia
Melita Eagles	10	4	3	3	14	9	11	10	2	3	5	15	20	7	20	6	6	8	29	29	18	APIA*
Prague	10	3	2	5	12	10	8	10	4	1	5	12	11	9	20	7	3	10	24	21	17	South Coast
Auburn	10	2	1	7	12	20	5	10	3	2	5	12	15	8	20	5	3	12	24	35	13	St. George
Yugal-Ryde	10	2	4	4	12	29	8	10	2	1	7	10	29	5	20	4	5	11	22	58	13	Canterbury*
Polonia	9	—	3	6	6	22	3	11	2	3	6	5	13	7	20	2	6	12	11	35	10	Croatia*

WITH THE AMATEURS

Undefeated Concordia have ambitious plans for 1970

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Concordia won the Inter Suburban First Division last Saturday at Bankstown Soccer Centre with a 2-1 win over Thistle.

Adrian Smit scored the first goal, and Concordia went to 2-0 with another from Johnny Gillespie.

Although Thistle pulled back a goal, Concordia were in control and never looked like missing out.

For Adrian Smit it was his 30th goal for the season, and Gillespie the 20th.

Concordia's remarkable record covers 38 games without defeat in League fixtures in 1968-69.

Only losses in the period were in the semifinals in 1968, and against Loftus in the 1969 Amateur Cup.

Of the 164 teams in all grades of Federation competitions Concordia is the only one to complete the season so far without defeat.

In the expectation of entering Second Division next year Concordia is well advanced in negotiations for a very good enclosed ground, and has the backing of its social club.

Three Concordia players came from the earlier Dutch Sydney Austral club — Adrian Smit, Peter Erasmus, and secretary Jerry Mestrum, the present Concordia secretary.

The club is finalising arrangements for 1970 with four young players picked out by talent scouts this year.

For junior backing, Concordia has linked up with Marrickville Boys' Club, certainly a wise move.

The 15 first team Concordia members over the season were: goalkeepers: Saric, Lettfus; backs Domzalla, Uhl; halves Woznica, Mestrum, Fojtlin; forwards, K. Baumgartner, Erasmus, Smit, Gillespie, Sommers. Reserves: Eichert, Relich, Kappacher.

They scored in the 60th minute through R. Malloy, then defended splendidly until fulltime despite the tremendous pressure exerted by Rovers.

Man of the match was undoubtedly Chelsea's left-back Entwistle, but A. Ford and A. Tullock were also outstanding for the winners.

In the Robertson Cup final Tarrawanna will meet Western Suburbs or Sylvania.

Cup Finals

Illawarra teams reached the finals of both the NSW Amateur Cup and Robertson Cup.

Bulli defeated Athletics 6-0, and will play the Fourth Division giant-killers Chelsea in the Amateur Cup final.

Chelsea continued their great cup run by beating Second Division Loftus Rovers.

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

First Division: South Sydney v. Thistle — Booralee Park, Guildford v. Lidcombe — Guildford Park.

Second Division: Auburn v. NSW Uni. — Progress Park, Arncliffe Scots v. Kewpies — Cahill Park, Rovers v. Ryde — Loftus Oval.

Third Division: All Stars v. Beverly Hills — Jones Park, Sydney Uni. v. Fairfield-Kiev — St. Paul's Oval.

Fourth Division: Central Utd. v. Chelsea — Waverley Oval No. 2, Willoughby v. Bondi Marinos — Northbridge Oval, Ku-ring-gai v. Revesby Rovers — Asquith Oval.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

First Division: Lane Cove v. Marrickville — Pottery Green, Blacktown v. Riverside-Rapid — Francis Park, Belmore v. East Side — Rudd Park, Concordia v. Wenty — Steel Park.

Second Division: Penrith v. Warringah — Jamison Park, Condell Park v. Yagoona — Bankstown Showground.

Third Division: Revesby Workers v. Campbelltown — Amour Park, Newtown v. Greenacre — Outer Wentworth Park, Dee Why v. West Ryde.

Fourth Division: Padstow Park v. Rosebery Rhodes — Kelso No. 10, Arncliffe RSL v. Gladesville Ravens — Arncliffe Park, Annandale v. Maroubra — Campbell Park.

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

East Side v. Blacktown	3-2	3-1
Thistle v. Concordia	1-2	0-3
Lidcombe v. Sth. Sydney	2-3	1-5
Riverside v. Lane Cove	1-1	2-5
Wenty v. Belmore	1-0	0-0
Marrickville v. Guildford	0-3	2-3

SECOND DIVISION

Warringah v. Rovers	0-2	2-0
NSW Uni. v. Nepean	3-2	4-0
Yagoona v. Auburn	0-2	3-3
Kewpies v. Condell Pk.	2-4	2-4
Ryde v. Enmore	0-0	1-2

THIRD DIVISION

W. Ryde v. Sydney Uni.	3-3	2-0
Revesby W. v. Newtown	3-3	2-0
Greenacre v. All Stars	6-4	2-4
Fairfield v. Newtown	0-3	2-1

FOURTH DIVISION

Bondi v. Central U.	6-1	4-1
Maroubra v. Ku-ring-gai	4-2	1-5
G'ville v. Revesby R.	11-2	2-1
Chelsea v. Padstow Pk.	2-0	1-1
G'ville v. Willoughby	13-0	1-1
Revesby R. v. A'cffe RSL	4-2	2-4
Rosebery v. Annandale	4-0	1-2

METROPOLITAN SCENE

The Under-14 age group held the spotlight in Round 24 when Manly put "paid" to St. George as a title contender and Nepean, fighting hard for a semi-final berth, held leaders Bankstown to a scoreless draw.

The competition leadership is now shared by Bankstown and Gladesville with only Sutherland capable of preventing their meeting in the Metropolitan Championship final.

— Jack Woods

RESULTS

Illa. v. Sth. Dists.	2-1	2-2	3-0
Souths v. C'bury	0-6	6-2	9-2
Banks. v. Nepean	0-0	9-0	8-0
Wests v. S'land	0-4	—	0-4
St. Geo. v. Manly	0-3	—	10-0
Granv. v. Ku-gai	1-0	3-2	4-1
Gladesville		— bye	

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TABLES

UNDER-14

Bankstown	**18**	**3**	**2**	**65**	**13**	**39**
Gladesville	**18**	**3**	**2**	**65**	**16**	**39**
Sutherland	**18**	**2**	**4**	**68**	**23**	**38**
Granville	**13**	**5**	**5**	**40**	**18**	**31**
Nepean	14	3	6	36	19	31
St. George	13	4	7	55	28	30
Canterbury	13	2	8	57	48	28
Sth. Districts	8	4	10	20	24	20
Illawarra	9	1	11	34	28	19
Wests	7	1	16	25	64	15
Ku-ring-gai	6	2	15	29	47	14
Manly	4	2	16	14	66	10
S. Sydney	3	—	18	6	120	6

UNDER-15

Bankstown	**12**	**0**	**1**	**108**	**24**	**46**
Gladesville	**19**	**2**	**2**	**72**	**30**	**40**
St. George	**18**	**1**	**5**	**59**	**34**	**37**
S. Sydney	**17**	**1**	**3**	**52**	**22**	**35**
Granville	13	1	9	41	51	27
Ku-ring-gai	12	2	9	47	51	26
Sth. Districts	11	2	9	22	50	24
Illawarra	11	1	9	45	49	23
Nepean	9	2	12	20	81	20
Canterbury	8	1	14	27	54	17
Wests	7	1	16	17	64	15

UNDER-16

Bankstown	**19**	**4**	**0**	**66**	**14**	**42**
Illawarra	**17**	**2**	**2**	**52**	**23**	**36**
S. Sydney	**16**	**3**	**2**	**61**	**19**	**35**
Sutherland	**15**	**5**	**4**	**48**	**23**	**35**
Ku-ring-gai	14	3	6	42	33	31
Granville	14	1	8	54	35	29
St. George	10	3	11	45	50	23
Wests	10	1	13	27	25	21
Sth. Dists.	9	3	11	28	40	21
Nepean	8	2	13	30	62	18
Canterbury	6	3	14	28	69	15
Manly	6	0	16	9	97	12

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Despite completely credible PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE there was nothing anybody could really do about Willie Rutherford's now famous goal "through the hole" in the recent Yugal v. Hakoah match. While the FIFA rules don't deal with this specific — and unusual — problem, they say clearly: "The referee can reverse his first decision so long as the game has not been restarted." So even if referee Buchanan and another thousand witnesses testify that it was a goal — which is likely — it wasn't proper to interfere with the result. Human error, sadly, is not the privilege of players and officials — but also of referees.

Recent RATINGS have revealed a surprisingly large viewing audience for the ABC's Monday night soccer telecast of the previous day's First Division match on ABN Channel 2.

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The RUMANIAN national team has enquired about the possibility of an Australian tour next year. The Rumanians would be interesting tourists as they are in the same World Cup qualifying group as our most recent guests, Greece.

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The result of GREECE's last match in Australia was a very narrow, unimpressive 2-1 win over Western Australia at Perth's Velodrome last Wednesday week. A meagre crowd of 6,500 attended. The Greeks returned home after a disappointing Australian tour the next day.

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APIA will stage a testimonial match for FILIPPO BOTALLICO, probably the week after the Grand Final. They plan to arrange an APIA-Marconi combined to meet a Pan Hellenic-Canterbury composite team — with the net takings going to the veteran APIA skipper.

The MELITA EAGLES v. APIA match on Sunday has been switched from Mona Park to Lambert Park.

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BRUCE PLEASANT and PHIL SLEAP visited Canberra to discuss junior football with local officials. The new ACT junior committee includes S. Milburn and L. Fricker, formerly of Manly, F. Kunz, ex-Mosman, and J. Cairns of Brisbane. They expect to raise playing strength from 500 to 1000 by next season.

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North Bankstown forward PHILLIP WHITTON married the coach's daughter, Sue Thomas recently and was playing in the team that met Corinthians two days later.

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BENNY HUGHES, star centre-half of yesteryear with the Metters club, gives the hand of his daughter Valerie in marriage on September 8 at Scots College Chapel, Waverley, to ex-Randwick Rugby Union star, Ken Catchpole. Benny Hughes is brother of legendary Australian international forwards Ronnie and the late Jack "Bully" Hughes. He himself represented NSW against India in 1938, and refereed in Sydney for many years.

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PAT HUGHES, the great APIA winghalf, is halfway at Marconi: he has just moved into his new house in the Fairfield-Liverpool area.

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After a three-week honeymoon, EDDIE PATERSON is awaited back in the North Bankstown team next weekend. Norths are still hoping to pull themselves out of the fire.

Memo Sydney's afternoon press: GOAL-AVERAGE is not taken into account to determine relegation or promotion in Sydney. If teams are on level points, they play-off.

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Young TREVOR SPINKS of Auburn under-15 First Division in Granville Association has notched 50 competition goals, although his team is running third to Granville Waratahs and Kewpies.

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VIC FERNANDEZ is now out of hospital. The St. George star has recovered from a chest complaint and is resting at home for a few weeks before returning to work.

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Bankstown's coach, ROY SMITH, broke his collarbone in an accident at training last week.

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Artarmon's secretary, BILL ORR, will leave this week on a six-week business trip to Singapore.

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ALAN COOPER, Sutherland's outside-left is down with the measles.

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DICK SMITH, Auburn's right fullback broke a leg in the match against Canterbury. This was Auburn's second player to suffer a broken leg from the first team and the third within the club.

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The former APIA star, MARCELLO SVORONICH, who returned to Australia after passing his coaching course at Bologna Coaching Academy, is the coach of Monaro in Canberra. Monaro has former APIA players, Nick Cossetini, Frank Virano, Bill Burnett and the former Marconi goalie, John Kristic.

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METROPOLITAN JUNIOR FINALS will be played on Sunday at Bexley Oval, Graham Reserve, Seymour Shaw Park and Bankstown.

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The St. George representative under-12, 13, 14 and 15 teams will be coached four afternoons a week at Carss Park during the school holidays, starting next Monday. FRANK AROK will be in charge, assisted by St. George first team stars, John Warren, Geoff Bird and Tommy Anderson.

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Following the outstanding success of the MINI-AMPOL CUP for under-13 representative teams, the NSW Federation has asked that teams from outside Sydney be included. Matches will again be in February/April as extra-early fixtures to the Ampol Cup.

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A former Yugoslav First Division player and later a fully qualified coach is seeking engagement in Sydney. He is MILAN SKORIC, Flat 4/19, Church Street, Cabramatta.

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DAVE GOLDIE, the Melita Eagles utility player, has passed his English FA Certificate Course and will be returning to Sydney soon. Goldie has been away for 10 months.

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Our executives look worse than they are

— By The Editor —

In recent years, just about every management committee or Executive ended its term on a note of unpopularity.

Months before their mandate expires, you can hear club officials grumbling about the "no-hopers" who run our soccer.

In the same breath they will mention you the names of others who, if elected, would be so much, oh, so very much better . . .

Frankly, I doubt this. I used to believe that the composition of an Executive was of vital importance to soccer; I no longer hold this view.

Just about everyone who circulates in the confined area of our soccer administration has had his fling on a management committee.

They all started off enjoying the confidence of the clubs; most of them ended their run as dismal failures.

I, for one, refuse to believe that the fault always lies in the people.

PERMUTATIONS

It's highly unlikely, mathematically speaking, that one or two permutations of the same people wouldn't have produced a successful, progressive executive.

So once again — as in the case of the ASF — the trouble must lie in our system within the NSW Federation.

We have a secretariat with the means, time and possibly ability to run the show — but without any executive power and proper management technique.

At the other end of the scale we have the Executive, usually made up by busy men, who can afford to spend only a few hours on soccer administration each week — but who possess all the power of decision-making.

Under this sort of set-up the baby — soccer — goes out with the wash.

In every developed or developing soccer country of the world, a strong, well organised secretariat is the nucleus of the organisation.

In London the FA runs soccer; in Rome it's the FIGC, in Hungary the MLSZ, in Brazil the CBD, and so on.

SECRETARIAT

It's their fulltime officials, skilled, experienced and independent-minded, who deal with the hundreds of routine daily chores.

The executive councils purely lay down the policy and the law — and the secretariat carries them out.

In our case the secretariat hardly has any power at all; the Executive retains it all for itself.

Although the members have little time to spend on soccer, they insist on making every single decision, whether they are familiar with the problems or not.

So if we want to improve our administration, we have to alter our system.

What is needed is a rebuilt and enlarged secretariat which can and will cope with all routine matters, without first submitting them to the Executive.

I am quite certain that under a streamlined secretariat even an average Executive would be able to work.

And I am equally certain that under our present system every single Executive will look worse than it actually is.

All this may imply that the composition of an Executive is immaterial.

Well, not quite. What it does imply though is that even a good Executive looks bad — and a bad one worse — because of our primitive and amateurish system.

Let's face it: few members of the NSW Executive are in the genius class.

However, some two years ago they must have looked appealing enough to be properly elected.

Now many people are disappointed with their performance — and want them replaced.

The point is this: whoever takes their places, will find himself in the same soup.

Still, I would make one suggestion which could improve our "selective methods".

Each and every candidate for a spot on the Executive should be asked to make public his ideas on soccer administration.

PLATFORM

Let's ask them, before we elect them, what they intend to do; in which sphere they wish to operate; what firm ideas they have for the future.

In other words, let's ask for some assurances, a political platform, if you like.

This was never done in the past; Sydney clubs have been blindly electing one management after another, not even bothering to find out if the candidate was familiar with soccer and its multitudinous problems.

Nobody had to promise anything before his election —consequently, nobody could be taken to task later.

The columns of this newspaper will be at the disposal of any and all candidates, incumbent or new, to publicly state their election programs.

As a matter of principle, we will advise clubs against voting for any candidate who, at the AGM, hopes to get in on a "sympathy" vote.

If we are to replace some Executive members, we may as well do so intelligently, not emotionally.

The lobbying among clubs has already started; you can hear that so-and-so "must go" because he is a failure; so-and-so should be elected because he is a "nice fellow".

This dangerous nonsense can only lead to fresh frustrations.

So the problems can be reduced to two vital points:

- The NSW secretariat MUST run soccer; in order to do so it has to be reshaped, possibly enlarged and certainly equipped with a new sphere of operations;
- All executive candidates SHOULD be asked to make public their program.

In this case the clubs would at least know what plans and ideas the man has who wants their vote.

In the past no such courtesy was extended to the clubs.

Letter to Editor

PRAISE

I wish to congratulate the ABC for televising Sydney soccer on Monday nights.

It's good to see at least one TV channel catering for the thousands of soccer fans instead of pandering slavishly to Rugby League.

The telecast of last week's APIA v. Pan Hellenic match was the best yet, and almost on a par with British techniques.

DOUG HULETT,
Cremorne.

The Australian squad

We're rich in top defenders

— By PAUL DEAN —

Provided Joe Vlasits will take his full quota of 22 players to Seoul in October, at least seven, possibly eight of these will be defenders.

And by the term "defender" we mean fullbacks, stoppers and free-backs — even if these modern terms offend the sensibility of some ultra - conservative people in our midst who maniacally cling to "centre half" and other such long forgotten antiquities.

Barring injury, several players must feel certain of their places.

Manfred Schaefer (St. George), Alan Marnoch (Hakoah) and Stan Ackerley (APIA) just about select themselves.

For the other places the race is still on.

APIA's George Keith is likely to travel — if his injury clears up fully and if he regains his old form and confidence.

David Zeman (Prague) looks like the understudy to Marnoch — perhaps even his partner as double-stopper if Schaefer is again shifted to the right fullback slot.

Queenslander Gary Wilkins is now a member of the squad — and is likely to stay, if for no other reason than to give our northern friends some representation.

It's a pity that Wilkins never got a chance against Greece; he could have proved that he is in the squad on his own merits.

Billy Rice of Melbourne is a useful man to have around; either at fullback or at stopper he is certainly out of the ordinary.

Then, there are others with a claim.

Peter Wilson, of South Coast United, has been in top form for months and has been considered by Vlasits.

What goes against Wilson is the earlier announcement that he intends to return to Britain soon.

Prague's youthful Bruce Tracey made the NSW squad but not the team.

Anyway, at left fullback, Stan Ackerley's position is beyond challenge; should he need replacement, there is that excellent Newcastle Austral utility player, Ray Lloyd to move back in that slot.

Croatia's Brian Lincoln has lost favor completely with the selectors; his displays this season have been rather unimpressive.

Dave Johnston would have been another possibility — but he just about forfeited all his claims by going to Second Division Western Suburbs and moving out of focus.

I feel that the five midfielders will be John Warren (St. George), John Watkiss (Hakoah), Danny Walsh (Hakoah), Ray Lloyd (Newcastle Austral) and John Perin of Adelaide's Juventus.

Who can argue against this quintet?

Warren, Watkiss, Walsh and Lloyd have proved their worth in many tough battles while Perin's ability is well known — even if he also failed to press home his claim against Greece, having missed all three full internationals.

Max Tolson (South Coast), Archie Blue (APIA) and Frank Micic (JUST) were also considered; in fact, Vlasits still hasn't completely ruled out Tolson.

However, it is questionable whether this strong, strapping player would fit into a fast, dynamic Australian team, as his build-up work is slow, and his passing suspect.

Blue bowed out of the squad, being unavailable for the tour while Micic may be bypassed because of his "soft" style.

Another casualty is Denis Yaager of Hakoah who certainly would have been in the race but for an accident several months ago which put him out for the rest of 1969.

Bobby Fekete, his Hakoah team-mate was originally in Joe Vlasits' little black book but Fekete decided to get married whack in the middle of the season and is still in Europe on an extended honeymoon-holiday.

All in all, these are the players we would expect to make the final squad:

Defenders : Schaefer, Keith, Ackerley, Marnoch, Zeman, Wilkins, Rice.

Midfielders : Warren, Watkiss, Walsh, Perin, Lloyd.

- **Next week: Who will be our forwards?**

CANBERRA GETS TOUGH WITH UNRULY PLAYERS

— From JOHN HOLLAND —

Things have been "happening" in Canberra — at least as far as unruly behaviour is concerned.

Last week Macedonia's Boris Andonovski received a stiff 10-year suspension for hitting and kicking referee Linsley Dean.

Two Greek players, Con Hiotakis (Civic) and Con Naoum (Olympic) were recently suspended until the start of the 1971 season for offences involving referees.

It was alleged that both players spat on Canberra's leading referee, Nicolas Szego, after he had ordered them off in separate matches.

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Croatia-Deakin, unbeaten in 14 matches this year, lost 2-1 to Queanbeyan Macedonia last week.

Deakin still lead the competition by one point from Queanbeyan.

Forrest have recorded no fewer than eight draws in their 16 games this season.

The team is led by the former South Coast and Bankstown defender, Stewart Devlin.

Referee assaulted

A Greek supporter of the Olympic Club was recently fined $10 in Canberra Court for having assaulted the referee, Richard Lawson, after a first grade game earlier this year.

The Juventus player, Alex D'Ambrosio, was fined $250 for having abused and jostled the president of the ACT Federation, Harvey Grigor, after a recent game.

The ACT Federation Disciplinary Board has dealt with a record of more than 30 players, after 15 rounds, this year.

Raw deal

The two Riverina clubs, Griffith and Wagga, playing their first season in the ACT competition, are unlikely to play here next year.

Griffith has performed very well and is currently third on the table.

Wagga has failed to win a match and is fighting out the last position with ANU.

Griffith has found the travelling too much and it also claims to be receiving a raw deal from ACT Federation officials. (Griffith is 240 miles from Canberra.)

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An attempt by Canberra officials to introduce a system where five independent persons control the Federation has failed.

Following the resignation of two executive members recently, the clubs revolted and a vote of no-confidence was moved in the president and remaining members.

Although the vote against the president was defeated, ACT soccer is now back to club control and chaos reigns supreme.

Barclay is the hot tip

John Barclay is odds on favorite to be reappointed manager of the Australian team for the World Cup round-robin.

Although several others have also been nominated, Barclay is in no danger to lose the post which he has held most successfully since 1967.

The assistant manager's post is a wide-open race.

The ASF has received several nominations from the various States.

However, many people feel that this post should go to somebody from NSW.

The overwhelming majority of players in the travelling party will come from Sydney and it would be a decided advantage to have an official who knows these players.

ASF secretary Brian LeFevre is available to go with the team, if his Executive wants him.

The president of the ASF, Sir William Walkley, is likely to accompany the the team — provided his health allows it.

— Paul Dean

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SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Croatia

2 (1)

R. Cush 35 min., Taylor 54 min.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)

Peachey 74 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Polonia

2 (2)

Winiarski 9 and 24 mins.

Hakoah

0 (0)

St. George

2 (0)

Ainslie 48 min., Denton 69 min.

A.P.I.A

3 (2)

Campbell 1 min., D. McKinnon 32 min., G. Mackinnon 46 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (0)

Smith 66 min., Harding 68 min.

Auburn

0 (0)

Yugal

1 (0)

Waters 86 min. (penalty).

Prague

4 (1)

Tansley 20, 63 and 83 mins., Armytage 65 min.

Melita E.

1 (0)

McDougall 58 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Corry 4; Williamson 3, Woods 3; Randles 4, Clarke 4, *Mellish* 5; *Taylor* 5, Sullivan 3, F. Cush 3 (replaced by Huntley 64 min.), Brennan 2.

TOTAL: 39. Coach: L. Hegyes.

Match rating: * * *

Nuell 3; Ringland 3, Davies 3; Carr 3, Wilson 4, Tolson 3; Beattie 4, Tristram 3, Alston 3, Hennessy 3 (replaced by Peachey 66 min.), McGrath 2.

TOTAL: 34. Coach: J. Harris.

Demopoulos 4; Whitehead 3, Raeburn 3; Michaelidis 3, Panayiotidis 3, Galbraith 4; Hardy 4, Haidar 3, Romanos 3, Papaemanuel 3, Kauz 2 (Salerno 2).

TOTAL: 35. Coach: F. Dunaj.

Match rating: * * *

Fraser 4; Round 3, Skiba 4; Oliver 3, *Dzialach* 5, Komoder 3; Holleman 2, Minol 4, *Winiarski* 5, Williams 4, Calphy 3.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Fuzes 3; Sutherland 4, Hillsdon 4; Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Walsh 4; W. Rutherford 3, Prizmall 3, Keddie 3, Baartz 4, Blitz 3.

TOTAL: 39. Coach: F. Hearn.

Match rating: * * * *

Haffey 4; Sandell 4, Hillary 4; Schaefer 4, Bird 4, Cliss 4; Denton 4, Abonyi 4, Warren 4, Anderson 4, Ainslie 4.

TOTAL: 44. Coach: F. Arok.

McQuire 3; Keith 4, Van Blerk 3, Hughes 4, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4, G. Blues 3, D. McKinnon 4, A. Blue 4, Campbell 4, *G. Mackinnon* 5.

TOTAL: 41. Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * * *

Clarke 3; Hanson 2 (replaced by Omeros 52 min.), Hignett 4, McCulloch 3, Mallard 3, Stanley 2, Povey 4, Pityhoytis 4, Smith 3, Patrinos 3, Harding 4.

TOTAL: 35. Coach: T. Loukanidis.

Carmichael 4; Watts 3, Thomson 4; Atherton 4, Brady 4, Selfridge 4; Quested 4, Crowe 3, Moffatt 2, Edwards 3 (replaced by Hillhouse 63 min.), O'Neill 3.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: D. Holden.

Match rating: * * *

Cajkusic 4; Campbell 3, Crnich 4 (replaced by M. Alagich 75 min.); Lang 3, Rudic 4, Nacinovic 4; J. Alagich 4, Takac 3, Waters 3, Rafaneli 4, Edwards 3.

TOTAL: 39. Coach: M. Jones.

King 3; Hoggart 3, Tracey 4; Rootsey 4, Zeman 3, Reilly 4; R. Manuel 3, G. Manuel 4, *Tansley* 5, Blanco 4, Armytage 3.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: J. Venglos.

Match rating: * * * *

Eaton 3; De Bruin 3, Hewlett 4; Brewin 3, A. Edwards 4, Duffy 4; Hoare 3, McAusland 3, McCallum 3, Cunningham 4, McDougall 3.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: T. Edwards.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Croatia fully deserved to inflict South Coast's first defeat since Anzac Day. They always had the visitors' measure, even against the strong wind in the second half. Admittedly, South Coast were weakened by injuries and illness to key players, but even so they should have performed much better. Moving on both flanks and roaming the field for 90 minutes, Taylor constituted a permanent threat to the provincial defence. The Kiwi winger and the very promising young halfback, Mellish, were the best players on the field. In South Coast, Wilson and Beattie alone salvaged their reputations. Fielding Sydney's youngest first grade team ever, Croatia gave their opponents an object lesson and stamped themselves as definite premiership prospects for 1970.

Crowd: 700. Referee: J. Henkelman.

— DOUG WENDT

Polonia kept their hopes of avoiding relegation alive with their most spirited performance of the season. After some early uncertainty, they took complete control with Winiarski scoring two excellent goals. Canterbury only have themselves to blame for forfeiting any chance they had to make the semi-finals. They had plenty of the ball, but did nothing with it. Winiarski was not Polonia's only hero. Defenders Fraser and Dzialach were both brilliant on the rare occasions Canterbury broke through. The Berries' vaunted Papaemanuel had a quiet game and it was, surprisingly, left to makeshift winger Hardy to show any attacking flair. Polonia's splendid fighting spirit won the day. A pity their players didn't display such determination earlier.

Crowd: 1,350. Referee: N. Jones.

— MIKE RENWICK

An evenly contested match dominated by Hakoah in the first half and by St. George after the interval. Hakoah started strongly and came close to scoring on a few occasions. They kept up the pressure right to halftime, but in the second half Saints took over completely. Giving a polished display, the entire St. George team worked as a well-oiled, disciplined unit without a single weakness and fully deserved to win. Full marks to coach Frank Arok for devising a sound tactical plan which came off splendidly. The close-marking of the match-winning Willie Rutherford by Anderson and Sandell's "hatchet job" on Blitz undoubtedly won the match for St. George.

Crowd: 3,000. Referee: P. Rampley.

— FRANK JORDAN

Both teams showed great improvement on their earlier forms and this contributed to a fast, exciting, most enjoyable match. In the first half APIA cut through the Pan Hellenic defence at will, creating havoc in the goalmouth. When Mackinnon made it 3-0 soon after the start of the second half, it seemed to be well and truly over. But Pan Hellenic thought otherwise. They forced the issue against the tiring APIA defence and capitalised on the shakiness of young APIA custodian, David McQuire, standing in for the sick Rorke. Two goals in three minutes brought Pan Hellenic fresh hope — but eventually that, too vanished. In the closing stages APIA rallied once again, began to "hide" the ball and actually moved back into the offensive, almost snatching a fourth goal at the end.

Crowd: 6,481. Referee: A. Boskovic.

— PAUL DEAN

A purely defensive game which should have ended in a draw. Although the game was not entirely dull, the only constructive shot at goal was the one from the penalty spot four minutes from the end — a harsh decision and a doubtful one. Admittedly, Yugal were slightly superior in midfield, but all their attacks were contained by the Auburn defence, and at no time did Yugal look like scoring. Auburn lacked cohesion between defence and attack and many good moves were spoilt because of wide open gaps which allowed the opposition plenty of time for recovery. This defeat brings Auburn back into the relegation zone, and with a hard draw ahead, they could find themselves in serious trouble.

Crowd: 1,000. Referee: N. Campbell.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Technically this was a match of surprisingly high standard. In fact, if it had been played on a compact ground before a good crowd the atmosphere would have made it quite a memorable outing. The highlight was of course Prague's belated return to the scoring list, thanks to young Tansley and a full team effort. The goals were all good ones. For Prague's first, Armytage worked up the wing for a quick cross, Gary Manuel hooked it over his shoulder and Tansley raced on for a hard scoring shot. Melita used the ball in very crisp fashion, but when it came to the crunch, McCallum, Duffy and Co. failed to finish and Prague just couldn't miss.

Crowd: 1,850. Referee: E. Truppe.

— KEITH GILMOUR

COACHES COMMENT

Laurie Hegyes: "If we had played like this all season through, Croatia would be in the first four today. One of our best games this year."

Jim Harris: "We missed Ramage and Cuthbert in defence. Hats off, however, to Croatia. They deserved their win and were the best team on the day."

Ferdo Dunaj: "The loss of Bellis and Xipolitas in defence is just too much for us to bear. Polonia deserved their win. They fought harder, but a full strength Canterbury would now be in the semifinals."

Leo Baumgartner: "Why can't the boys always fight like that? We never would have been in such a perilous situation had the team displayed such guts and spirit all through the sesaon."

Frank Hearn: "We could have won in the first half. Too many missed chances cost us the game. Better luck next time!"

Frank Arok: "The best match we played this season. I'm very pleased with the team. Every player followed my instructions to the letter."

Walter Tamandl: "We were the better team but a 20-minute lapse in the second half gave me some anxious moments."

Taki Loukanidis: "We lost in the first half when poor marking helped APIA to a big lead. After our second goal I thought we may snatch a draw."

Doug Holden: "We are in trouble again, but this is a silly way to loose a match. A very hard penalty gave Yugal a win they didn't quite deserve."

Mick Jones: "A very good game to win. I think we deserved the points because we were slightly the better team."

Joe Venglos: "WE SCORED — WE WON! Both teams played clean scientific soccer, with Tansley a very capable spearhead."

Trevor Edwards: "After playing such good football early, we should never have ended up losing 4-1."

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

St. George

5 (2)

Denton 22, 34 and 65 (penalty) mins., Ainslie 52 min., Abonyi 58 min.

Auburn

1 (0)

K. Edwards 57 min.

Yugal

1 (1)

Waters 3 min.

Canterbury

2 (0)

Panayiotidis 65 min., Galbraith 80 min.

Polonia

2 (1)

Winiarski 3 min., Williams 57 min.

Croatia

1 (1)

Zilic 31 min.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)

Beattie 89 min.

Prague

1 (0)

Armytage 60 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (1)

McCulloch 44 min.

Hakoah

5 (2)

Watkiss 10 and 71 mins., Walsh 40 min., W. Rutherford 66 and 83 mins.

Melita E.

1 (1)

McCallum 12 min.

A.P.I.A

4 (2)

D. McKinnon 19 min., Campbell 35, 57 and 88 mins.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Haffey 3; Sandell 4, Hillary 4; *Schaefer* 5, Bird 3, Cliss 4; *Denton* 5, *Abonyi* 5, *Warren* 5, Anderson 3, Ainslie 3.

TOTAL: 44. Coach: F. Arok.

Match rating: * * * *

Carmichael 3; Watts 3 (replaced by Haggett 55 min.), Thomson 3; Atherton 3, Brady 4, Selfridge 3; Quested 3, Crowe 4, Moffatt 4, O'Neil 2 (replaced by K. Edwards 55 min.), Lambert 2.

TOTAL: 34. Coach: D. Holden.

Cajkusic 3; Campbell 3, Kresinger 3; Lang 2, Rudic 3, Nacinovich 4; J. Alagich 4, Takac 3, Waters 3, Rafaneli 3, Edwards 3.

TOTAL: 34. Coach: M. Jones.

Match rating: * * *

Demopoulos 3 (replaced Mitropoulos 10 min.); Whitehead 4, Raeburn 3; Michaelidis 3, Hardy 3, Galbraith 4; Kauz 2 (replaced by Salerno), Panayiotidis 4, Romanos 4, *Papaemanuel* 5, Woods 3.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: F. Dunaj.

Fraser 4; Round 4, Skiba 4; Oliver 4, *Dzialach* 5, Komoder 4; Chodkiewicz 3, Minol 4, Winiarski 4, Williams 4, Calphy 2.

TOTAL: 42. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 4; Williamson 4, Woods 4; Randles 4, Clarke 4, Mellish 4; Taylor 3, Zilic 3 (replaced by Frakes, replaced by Sullivan, both second half), F. Cush 4, R. Cush 3, Longmuir 2.

TOTAL: 39. Coach: L. Hegyes.

Ramage 4; Ringland 4, Cuthbert 4; *Carr* 5, (replaced by Strachan 63 min.), *Wilson* 5, Tolson 4; Beattie 3, Alston 3, Peachey 3, Hennessy 3, McGrath (sent off 43 min.).

TOTAL: 38. Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * * *

King 4; Harcombe (sent off 43 min.), Tracey 3; Rootsey 4, *Zeman* 5, Reilly 4; R. Manuel 4, G. Manuel 3, Blanco 3, Tansley 4, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: J. Venglos.

Clarke 3; Omeros 2, Hignett 3; Mallard 3, Stanley 2, McCulloch 4, Povey 3, Pityhoytis 3, Smith 3, Harding 3, Patrinos 2 (replaced by Thomas 69 min.).

TOTAL: 31. Coach: G. Yaugou.

Match rating: * * * *

Fuzes 4; Sutherland 4, Hillsdon 4; Gardiner 4, Marnoch 4, *Walsh* 5; W. Rutherford 4, Watkiss 4, Baartz 4, Keddie 3, Blitz 3.

TOTAL: 43. Coach: F. Hearn.

Eaton 5; De Bruin 4, Hewlett 3; Cilia 4, Edwards 4, Brewin 3; Hoare 4, McAusland 3, McCallum 3, Duffy 2, McDougall 2 (Nemet 3).

TOTAL: 37. Coach: T. Edwards.

Match rating: * * * *

McQuire 4; Van Blerk 3, *Ackerley* 5; Hughes 4, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4; Blues 4, D. McKinnon 4, Blue 4, Campbell 4, G. Mackinnon 4.

TOTAL: 43. Coach: W. Tamandl.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Saints revelled in the heavy conditions and gave a first-class display of wet weather football. It would have been excellent dry weather soccer; in the atrocious conditions it was brilliant. With Warren and Schaefer controlling the midfield, and Abonyi and Denton devastating up front, there was no stopping St. George whose defence, distribution and finish drove hapless Auburn up the wall. Auburn had no answer to Saints' brilliance. They made a belated effort late in the second half, but only had a consolation goal to show for their pains. Auburn were totally outclassed by a St. George side which has clearly become the team to beat in the final play-offs. On current form Saints must be favorites to take out the Grand Final while Auburn are still very much in danger of relegation.

Crowd: 453. Referee: F. Sbisa.

— MIKE RENWICK

Laurie Waters missed a certainty and scored a goal from an Alagich pass inside the first three minutes and Yugal's prospects looked fine. After 15 minutes the tide had been turned and Canterbury were on top. They remained in control, except for a couple of second half patches, yet never quite showed the capability to be certain of the win they deserved. The active Panayiotidis crossed for Galbraith to head down the winner. Galbraith, plus Canterbury's clever inside forwards, were the key to the match. The wet ground spoilt the match somewhat as a spectacle, but the tenseness and closeness gave the tiny crowd something to get excited about.

Crowd: 350. Referee: K. Lockrey

— KEITH GILMOUR

Despite the appalling conditions, this match, played on a shocking quagmire, was a thriller from start to finish. Playing like men inspired, the desperadoes from Polonia scored in the opening minutes, but Croatia, who gave nothing away and played the game throughout, equalised before the interval. Croatia, actually, slightly dominated the first half. After the interval, however, there was no stopping Polonia. They scored, through a big mistake by the Croatia defence, then pulled the shutters down and defended desperately to retain the two vital, perhaps life-saving points. On a dry ground, the speedy Croatia would probably have won, but on the day Polonia deserved their hard-fought win.

Crowd: 1,050. Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

After being let off the hook by the United forwards in the first half, Prague nearly came away from Woonona with the two points. Only a goal by Beattie scored in injury time saved the provincials from their first home defeat this season. The standard of play was surprisingly high considering the atrocious conditions. The two stoppers were the stars of the match, particularly David Zeman, a tower of strength who saved Prague from defeat by clearing twice from his goalline in as many minutes in the first half. South Coast erred by fielding an obviously unfit Jack Hennessy, who was only able to hobble around. South Coast, despite the lost point, showed a welcome, overdue return to form. Prague, always at ease at Woonona, again displayed eye-pleasing football which belied their disappointing position on the ladder.

Crowd: 2,851. Referee: P. Rampley.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

Despite the ungodly conditions, Hakoah turned on a fine semifinal rehearsal, grinding a totally helpless Pan Hellenic into Wentworth Park's mud. There was hardly a doubt from kick-off which is the superior team, yet it took Hakoah the whole of the first half to smash the resistance of Pan Hellenic; the rest was a cakewalk. Pan Hellenic's slow-moving defence was no match for the nippy Hakoah stars, especially Willie Rutherford who appeared to be flying on skates among the towering, heavy Hellenic fullbacks. However, Walsh was the outstanding man of the match, revelling in the conditions and capping a fine display with a superb goal volleyed home after a brilliant wall-pass movement.

Crowd: 3,900. Referee: H. Parsons.

— PAUL DEAN

The weather was miserable and the Lambert Park pitch was soggy and sullen but the crowd got its money's worth with a thrilling and exciting match, particularly in the first half. After Terry Eaton denied APIA a certain goal with a spectacular save in the early stages, the Eagles snatched the lead when McCallum superbly headed a head-high pass from MacDougall. For the following minutes APIA were stunned but they gradually gained the upper hand by winning the bigger share of the ball in midfield, and first Danny McKinnon and then Campbell scored. After the interval APIA were yards faster than their younger opponents and their positional play was absolutely faultless.

Crowd: 2,546. Referee: N. Jones.

— CHARLES SPITERI

COACHES COMMENT

Frank Arok: "The boys did very well in difficult conditions. They are nearing top form when it counts most. A very satisfying win and perhaps a sign of even bigger things to come."

Doug Holden: "There was no holding St. George. They gave a first rate display of wet weather football while our lads couldn't handle the conditions."

Mick Jones: "I must admit on the day if we had been three-up at half time I would not have been confident of the result. We need more drive."

Ferdo Dunaj: 'We showed enough ability today to make me feel that 1970 will see Canterbury in the semifinals."

Leo Baumgartner: "The boys are playing with such spirit that all is far from lost now. I have high hopes for the big one next week."

Laurie Hegyes: "The ground was not fit for play. Polonia adapted themselves better to the conditions, but we could have at least drawn with an ounce of luck."

Jim Harris: "I thought we were a trifle unlucky not to win. We should have sewn it up in the first half."

Joe Venglos: "Considering the shocking conditions it was a pretty good game. Both teams played well under the circumstances. A pity we couldn't have held out a minute longer to become the only team to win at Woonona."

George Yangou: "At half time I thought we had a chance, then we collapsed. Hakoah were clearly the better team."

Frank Hearn: "In these conditions, the team outdid itself. With a little luck we could have scored more towards the end."

Trevor Edwards: "The best team won. APIA played much better in the second half. They could surprise in the play-offs."

Walter Tamandl: "I was pleased with the team's all-round performance. We were still full of running at the end. The better team won on the day."

ROUND THE WORLD

Kamaras suspension stir

The Greeks could be in real bother over Kamaras, their star defender who recently spent a week in Australia without playing. The Rumanian FA has lodged a protest with FIFA claiming Kamaras shouldn't have been allowed to play in the World Cup match between the two countries which ended in a 2-2 draw in Athens because he had been sent off against Israel in Tel-Aviv a few weeks earlier. Ironically, it was a Rumanian referee who gave Kamaras his marching orders in Israel where Greece were held to a 3-3 draw.

Reluctant Polish coach

The Polish Federation has refused to accept the resignation of national team coach Koncewicz. The reluctant Koncewicz, who wanted to quit because of some of his players' lack of discipline, has agreed to stay on until after Poland's World Cup elimination matches against Holland and Bulgaria. Then, he is adamant, he will step down irrespective of the results.

Professionalism for Belgium

Belgium, until now a staunch opponent of professional soccer, is likely to switch to fulltime professionalism next year. An extraordinary meeting in December is almost certain to approve the change of status. Belgian players have been semi-pros since 1936, but in some cases, particularly where foreign imports are concerned, they earn bigger money than their fulltime French or Dutch counterparts.

"Historic" first soon?

A "historic" match may soon take place in Leipzig, East Germany. There has been considerable talk in East and West Germany lately that the two countries may meet in a full "A" international for the first time ever. The last time the two countries met in soccer was at club level, when in 1956 Kaiserslautern played against Chemnitz.

Sir Stanley's candidature

The English FA has officially stated that it would put forward Sir Stanley Rous' candidature for re-election as president at the FIFA Congress in Mexico City on June 23 next year during the World Cup finals. Sir Stanley was in Australia this week after attending the South Pacific Games in Port Moresby.

Cosmopolitan Bolivian team

"Traitors" — that's how the resentful Argentinian press labelled the five former Argentinians who played in the Bolivian national side which beat Argentina 3-1 in the recent World Cup elimination match at La Paz. The Bolivian team includes only four Bolivian-born players. Besides the Argentinians, there is also a Uruguayan and a Chilean-born player in their World Cup XI.

Egyptian soccer resumes

After a two-year interruption because of the disastrous six-day war with Israel, Egyptian soccer has resumed on a full scale. The championship kicked off on July 10 and record crowds have attended the first three rounds. Egypt is by far the strongest and best organised African soccer nation. It has 44 first class grounds, and Cairo has the biggest stadium in Africa (100,000 capacity). There are 59,000 registered soccer players in the country.

The Japanese national team wound up its European tour with its best result: a 4-3 win against Strasbourg, the First Division French team. Fielding nine players who won a bronze medal at the Mexico Olympics, but without Kamamoto, sidelined with hepatitis, Japan created a fine impression. Their goals were scored by Watanabe, Ogi, Miyamoto and Matsumoto. All but Matsumoto played in the three internationals against Australia last year. Before coming to France, Japan lost their last match in West Germany. Hesse-Kassel — a regional league XI — beat them 3-0. Japan only won two matches on tour.

● Petrolul Ploesti, the Rumanian club, have asked for a deferment of their first championship matches because 13 of their players are in hospital suffering from food poisoning sustained at a celebration dinner.

● Air Canada has already received 206 bookings for a proposed lunar flight in the future. Among those who have booked is Yugoslavia's crack international, Djazic.

● Milos Milutinovic, the great Yugoslav veteran, has hung up his boots at the age of 36 after ending his checkered career with OFK Belgrade.

● Three days before the start of the English league Sheffield United sacked manager Arthur Rowley in a shock move which caught the club's supporters totally unaware.

● As a result of Argentina's dismal World Cup showing to date, public opinion is demanding that coach Pedernera be sacked and replaced by Lorenzo, who performed well with the national team during the 1966 finals.

● Luis Suarez finished in ninth place in this year's Italian coaching course. Suarez eventually hopes to coach Inter Milan.

● Penarol have signed the well-known Brazilian coach Brandao, who has spent the last two seasons managing Buenos Aires' Independiente.

● Felix Ruiz, the Real Madrid star, has retired. Ruiz had to undergo eight knee and foot operations in the past three seasons and is almost lame.

● Cvetler, the Slovan Bratislava player seen here in 1966, has joined Belgium's crack Standard Liege.

● In Sofia, the Bulgarian national team beat the touring FC Sao Paulo from Brazil 4-1.

● In Warsaw, Racing Buenos Aires of Argentina lost 0-2 against local club Gornik Zabrze in the opening match of their European tour.

● Thirty-two English pros missed the first round of the new season because they were serving suspensions carried over from last season. Players like Stiles, Ball, Astle and Hately were all sidelined.

● There are seven new First Division coaches in Spain this season, including three foreigners — Austrian Merkel (Sevilla), Englishman Ronnie Allen (Bilbao) and Frenchman Marcel Domingo (Atletico Madrid).

● Former England boss, Walter Winterbottom, is now conducting a course for 115 coaches at Antalya, Turkey.

● Queen's Park Rangers have fined their star player, Rodney March $120 for causing a disturbance during a recent friendly match against Rangers.

● Dynamo Bacau, the Rumanian club, caused a sensation when they sacked their coach, Marian, this season. Marian, who brought Dynamo up to fifth place — their best rating ever — in 1968-69, was named Rumanian coach of the year by the local FA, yet was dismissed without a second thought by his ungrateful club.

● Perfumo, Argentina's captain, will transfer to Rio's Botafogo club in the next few weeks. His club, San Lorenzo, will be paid a near-record transfer fee of $190,000.

● Alfredo Foni has returned to Switzerland. The famous veteran Italian-born coach will manage Lugano after an unsuccessful one-year stint with Inter Milan.

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CLARKE MAY GET TRANSFER SHARE

— From LESLIE PAGE in London —

Without any great drama, except in the case of Allan Clarke's move to Leeds United for £165,000, upwards of £1,500,000 million changed hands before the restart in player transfer fees.

It may be correct that success cannot be bought, but it remains true, also, that clubs needing certain men to fill particular berths, find they are unable to interest potential sellers unless the cash offer is very tempting indeed.

Allan Clarke, whose two transfers inside a year from Fulham to Leicester City and Leicester to Leeds, have involved over £250,000, has still received little of the five percent to which he feels entitled.

The reason in both cases is that it has yet to be established whether Clarke requested the transfers or not.

Players are only permitted to pick up the five per cent if they do not ask for the move themselves. Clarke's case is still under investigation.

It never looked like much of a season for Manchester United, anyway.

But the £7,000 fine slapped on the club by the joint FL and FA Commission for payment irregularities, made the point that even the greatest have to toe the line.

Clubs who step outside the permitted cash reimbursement specifications all remain open to a snap investigation of their books.

Maybe the days are coming when all these embargoes will be swept aside.

Until then, the rules must be enforced.

United probably feel that it is not the cash which bothers them, rather the indignity.

Pundits recalled that when Peterborough United were found guilty of similar offences, the club was relegated to Division Four and Port Vale, put out of the FL, and just as quickly re-elected.

The idea of demoting Manchester United is unthinkable, but there are those who fear for the club on the field of play in the coming months.

SCOREBOARD

WORLD CUP (qualifying): Brazil v. Colombia 6-2; Argentina v. Bolivia 1-0; Brazil v. Venezuela 6-0; Paraguay v. Colombia 2-1.

HUNGARY: Honved v. Ujpest 1-1; Vasas v. ETO 5-1; Pecs v. Ferencvaros 1-0; Eger v. SBTC 1-0; Szombathely v. MTK 2-2; Egyetertes v. Komlo 2-1; Diosgyor v. Tatabanya 2-1; Dunaujvaros v. Csepel 2-1. **Leaders:** Ujpest 29, Honved, Ferencvaros 28 pts.

SWITZERLAND: Biel v. Lugano 2-3; Bellinzona v. Winterthur 1-1; Chaux-de-Fonds v. Young Boys 4-3; Grasshoppers v. Fribourg 1-0; Lausanne v. FC Zurich 2-2; St. Gallen v. FC Basel 1-4; Wettingen v. Servette Geneva 0-6.

USSR (Cup final): Lvov (Division II) v. Army Rostov 2-1.

YUGOSLAVIA: Radnicki v. Hajduk 1-3; Sloboda v. Vojvodina 3-1; Nis v. Sarajevo 1-0; Velez v. Celik 2-1; Bor v. OFK Belgrade 0-0; Partizan v. Olimpija 2-0; Zeljeznicar v. Maribor 0-0; Vardar v. Red Star 3-2; Dinamo Zagreb v. Zagreb 4-0.

POLAND: Polonia v. Krakow 1-0; Ruch v. Gwardia 1-0; Katowice v. Gornik 1-0; Odra Opole v. Stal 4-0; Welbrzych v. Pogon 0-0; Wisla v. Szombierki 0-0.

RUMANIA: KFR Cluj v. ASA 2-0; Dynamo Bucharest v. Jiul 5-2; Argul Pitesti v. Crisul 6-1; Brasov v. Farul Constantza 3-0; UT Arad v. Dynamo Bacau 1-0; Craiova v. University Cluj 1-1; Iassy v. Rapid Bucharest 0-0.

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ANOTHER TOUGH GAME FOR LEAGUE LEADERS

— *From JIM COOK* —

With the State League competition now at a decisive stage (only four rounds to be played), Wilhelmina are still way out in front with a four-point lead over their only real rivals — JUST.

The Ringwood side, after dropping a point to Juventus last weekend, face formidable opposition again this week when they tackle Croatia, while JUST should be able to dispose of Slavia without any real trouble.

Polonia, now a hot tip to make the night soccer after a disastrous first half of the season, should win with comfort against Box Hill, Juventus should have bright hopes against SM Hellas, Melbourne on the mend, could tame the Lions while Hakoah look better placed to win than George Cross.

CROATIA v. WILHELMINA

Croatia, whose hopes of retaining their title have been killed by their inconsistency this season, face a Wilhelmina side who have been unimpressive in their past two games during which period they have dropped two valuable points.

With Jim McKay back, Croatia are much more dynamic in attack and Wilhelmina, without Bobby Thomson, have lost a defender of considerable experience.

My tip: Croatia to win.

JUST v. SLAVIA

Dependent to a large extent on other sides downing Wilhelmina as well as winning themselves, JUST should keep their own end of the bargain against Slavia.

The Footscray side have a big overall advantage in both defence and attack over the Port Melbourne team whose victory over the lowly Box Hill can hardly be termed as a revival.

My tip: JUST to win.

POLONIA v. BOX HILL

Bagging 12 points from their last eight games, Polonia have really made a dramatic recovery.

The team is playing with tremendous team spirit and will to win.

Box Hill, still fighting despite their hopeless position, don't appear to have the necessary skills to worry Polonia unduly.

My tip: Polonia to win.

MELBOURNE-HSC v. LIONS

A new approach is evident in the Melbourne side, with the result that their teamwork has improved to some extent.

Lions' glory spell may well have ended: their defence under sustained pressure is beginning to show cracks, while up front the forwards are missing too many gilt edged chances to win points.

My tip: Melbourne to win.

JUVENTUS v. SM-HELLAS

If the Juventus forwards could finish with a reasonable measure of consistency they could be much closer to Wilhelmina at the top.

Former Scottish and English First Division defender, George Kinnell, is now making his presence felt in the rearguard and also in prompting his forwards.

South Melbourne Hellas, gripped by a big slump, never seem to play well unless Gorrie and Ackerley are in top gear.

My tip: Juventus to win.

HAKOAH v. GEORGE CROSS

Hakoah last week not only shocked Lions, but surprised themselves in the second half after they had been outplayed in the first period.

With John O'Neill and Alan Stenhouse playing a "stonewall" game in defence, the George Cross attack, which is not seeing much of the ball these days, may be hard pushed to find the openings to score.

My tip: Hakoah to win.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	**12**	**4**	**2**	**41**	**13**	**28**
JUST	**9**	**6**	**3**	**34**	**20**	**24**
Juventus	**9**	**4**	**5**	**34**	**20**	**22**
Croatia	**9**	**3**	**6**	**31**	**20**	**21**
Lions	9	2	7	31	26	20
Hellas	8	2	8	36	34	18
Hakoah	6	6	6	24	26	18
Polonia	7	2	9	18	31	16
George Cross	7	1	10	23	34	15
Melbourne	4	6	8	21	29	14
Slavia	5	4	9	16	27	14
Box Hill	2	2	14	19	48	6

Metropolitan fixtures

First Division: Dandenong City v. Alexander, Keilor City v. Preston Makedonia, Altona City v. Coburg, Elwood Austria v. Ringwood United, Springvale v. St. Albans, Maribynong Triestina v. Sunshine City.

Second Division: Frankston City v. Yallourn, Moreland Thistle v. Prahran City, Albion Rovers v. Ferntree Gully, Sandringham City v. Richmond, Waverley v. Green Gully Ajax, Park Rangers v. Brunswick Athena.

Third Division: Chelsea v. University of Melbourne, Croydon v. Glenroy, Bayswater v. Brighton, Princes Park Hercules v. Heidelberg, St. Kilda v. Clayton, E. Melbourne Helvetic v. Ballarat.

Fourth Division: Eltham v. South Yarra, Moorabbin v. Mornington, Deer Park v. Doncaster Rovers, N. Carlton Olympic v. Newport, Rosebud v. Monash University, Mooroolbark v. Corio.

Metropolitan results

Division One: Alexander 3, Austria 2; Makedonia 9, Dandenong 0; Altona 2, Keilor 2; St. Albans 1, Triestina 0; Ringwood v. Springvale postponed; Coburg 2, Sunshine C. 1.

Division Two: Yallourn 1, Sandringham 2; Prahran 5, Frankston 0; Albion R. 1; Moreland 2; Ajax 7, Park Rangers 0; Richmond 2, Waverley 2; Ferntree 0, Athena 1.

Division Three: University 0, Hercules 1; Glenroy 2, Chelsea 0; Bayswater 1, Croydon 1; Clayton 2, Helvetic 3; Heidelberg 1, St. Kilda 6; Brighton 3, Ballarat 0.

Division Four: South Yarra 0, Olympic 4; Mornington 2, Eltham 4; ICI 3, Moorabbin 0; Newport 6, Rosebud 1; Doncaster 1, Corio 2.

FIXTURE CARD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Croatia v. Wilhelmina (Olympic Park).
JUST v. Slavia (Schintler Reserve).
Polonia v. Box Hill (Maribynong).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Melbourne v. Lions (St. Kilda).
Juventus v. SM Hellas (Olympic Park).
Hakoah v. George Cross (Middle Park).

BOX HILL WILL BE RELEGATED

It's "as you were" in State League soccer with the top four teams in opposition last weekend producing two draws.

Wilhelmina, held to a 1-1 draw by Juventus at Ringwood, still hold a commanding four-point lead over JUST with only four rounds to be played. Juventus are in third position while Croatia continue as the last member of the four after Lions were downed by Hakoah.

Down at the other end Box Hill are now certain to return to Metro ranks while Polonia have jumped into the eight displacing George Cross whom they scored a resounding win over.

RESULTS

Last week's results: Slavia 3 (Kraus, Gildea, Butler) v. Box Hill 1 (McPherson). Lions 0 v. Hakoah 2 (Bridgeman, Dragojevic)). SM Hellas 0 v. Melbourne-HSC 2 (Wallace, Bleskany). Wilhelmina 1 (Spiekerman) v. Juventus 1 (McColl). George Cross 0 v. Polonia 3 (Siwka 2, Malloy). JUST 2 (Zoraja, Utjesnovic) v. Croatia 2 (J. McKay 2).

— Jim Cook

ALEXANDER SET FOR PROMOTION

Down 2-0 at halftime to Elwood-Austria, the promotion-chasing Alexander, with a great second half fightback, grabbed both points by scoring three second half goals.

Only rivals, Keilor City, slipped up by being held to a draw by Altona, and now find themselves two points, plus an inferior goal average behind the Greek team with only two rounds to be played.

Thrilling finish

Alexander can practically clinch promotion back to the State League this week should they defeat Dandenong City.

And this will become a reality should they win and Keilor City drop even one point in their clash with Makedonia.

However, should Alexander be held to a draw or even be defeated and Keilor City win the stage is set for a thrilling finish.

For Alexander and Keilor City meet in the last game of the season . . .

— J.C.

SHORT SHOTS

Bobby Thomson, the former Partick Thistle, Liverpool and Luton Town defender who has been with Wilhelmina for the past two seasons, is in dispute with the club and was dropped for the game against Juventus. Unconfirmed reports suggest that Wilhelmina are unlikely to play Thomson again and that the player is equally adamant he won't wear the Ringwood colors again. Thomson was recently one of Victoria's best players in the match against Greece.

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A new arrival for Polonia is Edward Widera, a linkman who played with Ruch in First Division soccer in Poland for some time but who has latterly played for Motor Lublin in the second division. Widera, 28 has represented Poland in "B" internationals.

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Mike Rogers, a winger from English non-league side Runcorn United in Cheshire is the latest George Cross arrival. Although in possession of a clearance from his club in England Rogers has not yet been cleared through the ASF.

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Expected to arrive and join Melbourne-HSC soon is Gareth Yaar, a winger or inside forward who has played with Distillery and Glentoran in Northern Ireland.

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John McCarthy, the Lions winger, retired after 68 minutes in the match against Hakoah and was taken to hospital with a suspected broken ankle.

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Another casualty last weekend was Barry Horsfall, the Melbourne forward who was also taken to hospital to have several stitches inserted in a head gash after a clash with Mike Mandalis of South Melbourne-Hellas.

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Although Dick Van Alphen is almost ready to resume after a long lay-off with a ham strung muscle injury, he may find it hard to oust John O'Neill, who is at present one of the most effective pivots in the league.

— Jim Cook

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Who will land Brian McDonald, the Hakoah forward who recently moved to Sydney for personal reasons? Hakoah have given McDonald the OK to find another club in New South Wales and it seems that all will remain is the size of the fee needed for the player's transfer. McDonald, who joined the Middle Park side early this season, played with Harlow Town near London.

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Mainspring behind the Keilor City bid to pip Alexander for promotion to the State League is wing-half Joe Menary, an Irishman who was previously with Juventus. Menary is the general of the team composed mainly of Continentals in the Polish-sponsored side which is coached by Marion Gasior, the former Polonia fullback.

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Having his quietest season for several years is Jimmy Pyrgolis, the South Melbourne-Hellas winger who not so long back was a regular in the Victorian State side.

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Mick Olinowski, the Polonia utility player and product of their junior ranks who was absent from first team duty all last season through being on a world tour, has played an all-important part in his side's revival this year.

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Peter Aldis, the former Aston Villa, Slavia, Wil-helmina and Lions defender who returned to England last year, is still playing and coaching a minor non-league side in Central England despite his ripe old age of 43. Aldis was a member of the Aston Villa side which won the FA Cup in 1957 by defeating Manchester United in the final.

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Juventus recently lost one inside-forward and gained another. Man who departed was Billy Little, a former Aberdeen first team regular who has returned home after being here only a few weeks without making any impact on the local scene. Newcomer is John Pryde who was with Clyde then had a spell in South African pro. soccer with Port Elizabeth before going back to Scotland to play with Airdrie.

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Reports, unlikely to be confirmed from official quarters, that all is not well at the top of Victorian soccer are hardly surprising. Information which filtrates from the inside suggests the power struggle is gathering momentum and is likely to be intensified with the annual general meeting of the VSF not so far away. The fact most of the leading officials of the Federation have to stand down this year in accordance with the new constitution is as good a reason as any to believe reports of disquiet.

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Hitting the high spots with Altona in the First Division and scoring goals with clockwork regularity is Bill Savage who was five years with Slavia before joining the Metro side. Another former Slavia player in the Altona ranks — Billy Kerr recently had an enforced two week spell on the touchlines after an ordering-off.

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Will Duncan McKay, the former Glasgow Celtic and Scotland fullback of Croatia continue much longer in State League soccer? I don't suggest this on account of his age — for McKay at 32 is still fit and good for at least another few years in our top grade. But not so long back, the Glaswegian, who played alongside Frank Haffey of St. George-Budapest, both for Celtic and Scotland and whom he has never met in Australia, got promotion in his job as an engineer which could offer opportunities interstate.

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TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	15	4	1	77	22	34
Prague	13	3	4	49	21	29
APIA	12	5	3	57	34	29
South Coast	11	4	5	50	28	26
Melita	10	4	6	35	34	24
Croatia	9	2	9	45	38	20
Auburn	7	4	9	29	33	18
Hakoah	6	5	9	40	42	17
Pan Hellenic	6	4	10	30	38	16
Yugal	4	5	11	21	47	13
Canterbury	3	4	13	21	52	10
Polonia	1	2	17	15	69	4

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	17	1	2	65	19	35
Prague	13	3	4	42	15	29
Hakoah	13	1	6	44	33	27
St. George	12	2	6	33	19	26
South Coast	9	5	6	33	24	23
Canterbury	7	6	7	37	33	20
Pan Hellenic	7	3	10	33	37	17
APIA	5	5	10	23	40	15
Auburn	4	6	10	28	57	14
Polonia	4	4	12	25	42	12
Melita	4	4	12	19	44	12
Yugal	5	1	14	20	39	11

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	15	4	1	65	13	34
Sutherland	14	3	3	44	18	31
Bankstown	13	4	3	53	29	30
West. Subs.	12	5	3	54	16	29
Balgownie	12	4	4	53	23	28
Manly	7	5	8	36	34	19
NS-Inter	7	4	9	32	39	18
Granville	5	3	12	33	48	13
Hornsby	6	1	13	27	67	13
Corinthians	3	4	13	26	64	10
Artarmon	3	3	14	23	40	9
N. Bankstown	1	4	15	21	75	6

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	15	2	3	93	32	32
Marconi	15	2	3	77	29	32
Sutherland	14	3	3	58	28	31
West. Suburbs	13	1	6	56	28	27
Balgownie	11	2	7	57	34	24
Manly	12	—	8	55	38	24
Granville	10	3	6	52	33	23
Artarmon	8	1	11	38	52	17
N. Bankstown	7	1	12	34	60	15
Hornsby	3	2	15	20	81	8
NS-Inter	1	3	16	17	74	5
Corinthians	2	—	18	18	84	4

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	16	1	3	63	14	33
West. Suburbs	16	1	3	87	26	33
Sutherland	11	4	5	76	26	26
Bankstown	12	2	5	62	30	26
Marconi	12	2	6	63	33	26
Balgownie	12	1	7	55	29	25
N. Bankstown	10	—	10	51	42	20
Granville	7	3	10	50	43	17
Artarmon	7	2	11	50	62	16
Hornsby	5	1	14	35	67	11
Corinthians	3	1	16	22	81	7
NS-Inter	—	—	20	3	177	—

AMATEURS

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Concordia	17	3	—	79	17	37
Guildford	13	5	2	57	15	31
Marrickville	12	1	7	45	29	25
Wenty	90	3	7	44	27	23
Belmore	10	3	7	49	36	23
Thistle	11	1	8	45	36	23
Riverside	9	1	10	49	52	19
East Side	7	1	12	41	53	15
South Sydney	5	4	11	39	59	14
Lane Cove	3	7	10	26	51	13
Blacktown	5	3	12	37	74	13
Lidcombe	1	2	17	21	82	4

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ryde	13	3	3	45	23	29
Enmore	13	2	4	48	24	28
Revers	13	1	4	57	20	27
Arncliffe	10	3	4	29	11	23
Warringah	9	3	5	30	23	21
Condell Park	7	4	7	33	37	18
Uni. NSW	7	3	7	49	35	17
Kewpies	5	3	10	28	43	13
Yagoona	3	3	12	11	49	9
Auburn	3	1	13	20	51	7
Nepean	2	—	17	18	46	4

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newtown	13	3	2	65	23	29
Revesby W.	11	3	4	75	39	26
C'pbelltown	13	—	5	56	32	26
Fairfield	10	3	5	44	38	23
W. Ryde	6	5	6	41	44	17
Sydney Uni.	5	6	7	54	42	16
All Stars	6	1	11	42	91	13
Dee Why	5	2	10	44	44	12
Greenacre	5	2	10	52	70	12
Liverpool	5	2	10	29	51	12
Beverly Hills	3	3	10	22	38	9

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	17	1	2	112	31	35
Rosebery	15	3	2	97	43	33
Chelsea	76	—	4	89	29	32
Bondi Marines	13	3	4	79	39	29
Maroubra	9	2	9	49	48	20
Padstow	7	5	8	55	68	19
Ku-ring-gai	8	2	10	41	62	18
Revesby R.	5	4	11	52	77	14
Willoughby	6	1	12	45	82	13
Annandale	5	—	15	27	76	10
Central U.	3	3	14	38	82	9
A'cffe RSL	4	—	16	44	83	8

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Croatia v. SCU	5-1	4-1
Canterbury v. Polonia	1-1	2-2
Auburn v. Yugal	1-1	2-2
Hakoah v. St. George	2-8	3-2
APIA v. Pan Hellenic	1-1	2-2
Prague v. Melita	2-1	0-0

SECOND DIVISION
(First, Second and Third Grades)

A'mon v. B'town	1-2	0-7	1-4
Manly v. Marconi	0-1	0-4	2-1
Corins. v. S'land	2-7	1-3	0-4
N. B'town v. Granv.	1-4	4-1	2-3
Wests v. Hornsby	4-1	3-0	12-0
B'gownie v. NS-Int.	1-0	1-1	14-0

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

North Bankstown sure to drop out

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With two games remaining, Marconi are practically certain of winning the promotion race while at the other end of the table North Bankstown have lost their battle for survival and will play in amateur ranks next season.

Marconi were lucky to take both points against Manly, but were never in danger of defeat.

All three teams behind Marconi won well as expected, and stand a good chance of making the semi-finals.

Artarmon v. Bankstown 1-2

Concentrating mainly on defence, Artarmon tried hard to salvage at least a point from a game which was marred by hard tackling.

Bankstown went ahead in the 25th minute with a goal by Mullen and eight minutes later a splendid Martin - Bamforth move finished with the former making it 2-0.

From this point onwards Bankstown never looked in any danger despite a goal midway in the second half by Haynes which reduced the leeway.

Artarmon: Thompson; Foster (Nacinovich), Welch; McGuinness, Alexander, Hardy; Haynes (1), Dedman, Mack, May, Meikkleson (Williams).

Bankstown: Friedl; Fitzgerald, Sheldrick; McDermott, Maugham, Madden; Roberts, (Grange), Martin (1), Bamforth, Mullen (1), Clarke.

Manly v. Marconi 0-1

Against a stubborn and well drilled Manly defence, Marconi were lucky to get both points as a draw would have been a much fairer result.

The only goal of the match was scored by Manly's captain and left-back Gary Brooks who, in trying to clear a Nuttall pass in the goalmouth, put into his own net.

Seconds earlier, George Nuttall, who celebrated his birthday with a real blinder for Marconi, came down on the left flank to beat four defenders before crossing the ball in front of Manly's goalmouth.

The match was hard-fought and the Marconi scoring machine was well contained by the eager Manly defence.

Manly: Tuinman; Freeman, Brooks (o.g.); Hutcherson, Campbell, Jagger; Crawford, G. Jones, Stocks, Waller, R. Jones.

Marconi: Earl; Seni, Nuttall; Murua, Taylor, Scheinflug; Doyanovits, Edmunds, Richards, J. Giacometti, Jones.

Corinthians v. Sutherland 2-7

Sutherland took control of midfield from the outset and within 30 minutes led 3-0, but conceded a goal just before the half-time whistle.

Within minutes from the resumption, Sutherland went further ahead and tore through Corinthians twice more before the opposition came back with another goal.

Corinthians: Bathurst; Russell, Yates; Cooper, Dougan, Townsend (Nimmo); Gibson, (Taliana), Bryce, Aversa, Ferns, Williams (2).

Sutherland: Taylor; Kimber, Roche (1); Keen, Watts, Johnson; Corfield (1), Shrubsole, Griffiths (3), (Petty 1), Turner (1).

Balgownie v. NS-Inter 1-0

Inter started well and for most of the first half were combining more effectively than Balgownie.

After the interval, Balgownie played with more determination, but still could not penetrate the solid Inter defence until halfway through the period when a shot by left-half Barnaba, well covered by the Inter goalkeeper, was deflected into goal by centre-half Ledesma.

NS-Inter were unlucky not to force at least a draw.

Balgownie: Gallagher; Thommeny, Salisbury; Kerr, Orphin, Barnaba; Martin, McGarry, Baker, Muhlbauer, Paterson.

NS-Inter: Power; Monno, Steele; Dos Santos, Ledesma (o.g.), Slater; Sileoni, Aldridge, Valdimar, Santoro, McIlroy.

North Bankstown v. Granville 1-4

With only eight minutes to go and the score tied at 1-1, North Bankstown seemed set for a draw, but a silly "own" goal enabled Granville to run out easy winners at the end.

Granville scored first, but Norths equalised just on halftime.

The turning point of the game came when halfback Stewart scored a harmless ball into his own goal, and then Granville scored two more—one from a penalty.

North Bankstown: Cunninghame; Scahill, Lye; Stewart (o.g.), Peade, K. Woodbine; Morgan, A. Woodbine (1), Whitton (Pitt), Tomasov, Patterson.

Granville: Dart; Anderson, Pendleton (1 penalty); Williams, Staunton, Dean; Smith, Crelly, Baaks (1), Rutley (1), Springett.

Wests v. Hornsby 4-1

A spell of good football just before half-time saw Wests go to a runaway lead with three fine goals by Gerry Hood.

However, after the resumption Wests became a trifle complacent and allowed Hornsby to get back into the game.

The young Hornsby centre-forward Evans gave another impressive performance to score his side's only goal.

Wests: Kelly; Bastian, Apostilidis; Harrison, Bijkerk, Di Santi (1); Cassidy, Byles, Hood (3), Pont, Giffin (McMeechan).

Hornsby-NE: McDonald; Baber, Hogan; Gray, Brown, Vickers; Stokes, Gaskill, Evans (1), Shields, Dickenson.

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THIS WEEKEND

Match of the week will be the clash between Bankstown and Balgownie at the Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Bankstown have been impressive in recent outings and they should beat Balgownie, off the mark with their shooting lately.

Other games that could provide upsets are the clashes between Marconi and Artarmon and Wests against North Sydney.

Marconi should win, but Artarmon are still capable of putting up a big fight even though their relegation worries have eased considerably.

North Sydney - Inter should give Wests a close game, but the latter should take both points to make the semifinals.

In other games, Granville should beat Corinthians at Macarthur Park while Sutherland may win after a struggle against Manly.

Hornsby are tipped to beat North Bankstown in the other match of the round.

SECOND DIVISION REFEREES

Hornsby v. North Bankstown — A. R. Brown, Bankstown v. Balgownie — A. Faraone, Marconi v. Artarmon — N. Campbell, Sutherland v. Manly — J. Henkelman, Granville v. Corinthians — M. Buchanan, NS-Inter v. Wests — L. Rae.

Adelaide Round-up

South Australians out for revenge

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The SA side to meet Queensland at Hindmarsh on Saturday will be drastically recast from that which crashed 0-6 to Greece.

The selectors may decide to gamble by re-including Nilo Rusalen (Juventus), who missed the Greek match because of broken ribs.

At press time, the final 14 to face Queensland had not been chosen.

Taking current form as a guide, 18-year-old high school student, Todd Clarke, could make his debut for SA as goalkeeper.

Clarke is captain of the Seacombe High School Australian rules team which plays on Saturday mornings.

For the past month he has ousted former SA 'keeper, Charlie Horvath, as Beograd's first team custodian.

SA are anxious to avenge their 3-4 loss to Queensland in Brisbane last March.

Queensland in the main, will rely on tried and true performers.

They have two Australian internationals, Gary Wilkins and Ian Johnston, Finnish international, Keijo Voutilainen, Under-23 Australian international George Whittaker, Welsh schoolboy international, Len Willett and Finnish amateur representative Kim Renfors, in their imposing squad.

Ron Millman, 19, is the youngest of the visitors and he could be the biggest scoring threat to SA.

Millman made his debut for Queensland against SA in Brisbane this year and scored two goals.

Adelaide results

FIRST DIVISION

WA Hellas 3 (Batchelor 2, 1 penalty, Zervas) v. Elizabeth City 1 (Campbell).

FEDERATION CUP

USC Lion 2 (Nechvoglod 2) v. Budapest 0, Beograd 5 (Russo 2, J. Besir, Jones, M. Marusic) v. Polonia 2 (Manka, Ciach).

FINAL S.A. TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
WA Hellas	12	4	2	47	20	28
Croatia	11	4	3	32	20	26
Juventus	10	2	6	45	24	22
USC Lion	10	2	6	37	24	22
Victoria	7	4	7	28	30	18
Azzurri	8	1	9	30	44	17
Polonia	5	5	8	23	24	15
Budapest	5	2	11	29	44	12
Beograd	4	2	12	18	36	10
Elizabeth	5	—	12	12	35	10

SA SQUAD

The SA Under-16 squad to contest the Australian Youth Championships in Newcastle next month is:

Beltrame, Boccassini, Isdello, Artone, (Juventus), Marciniak, Nadolny, Metanomski, Protakiewicz (Polonia), Marwe, Clark (Elizabeth), Harding, (Elizabeth Vale), Croughan, (Cumberland), Bowen (Croatia), Butcher, Francis (Birkalla), Jones (Tailem Bend).

Manager: Peter Nikolich.
Coach: Cliff Votier.
Trainer: John Middleton.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Yugal v. Canterbury — Marks Field
St. George v. Auburn — Hurstville Oval
Hornsby-NE v. North Bankstown — Jenner Road Stadium

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah — Wentworth Park
Melita Eagles v. APIA — Lambert Park
SCU v. Prague — Woonona Oval
Polonia v. Croatia — North Sydney Oval
Granville v. Corinthians — Macarthur Park
Bankstown v. Balgownie — Bankstown Soccer Centre
Marconi v. Artarmon — Marconi Oval
Sutherland v. Manly — Seymour Shaw Park
NS-Inter v. Wests — Cammeray Park

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Polonia v. Yugal — Drummoyne Oval
APIA v. SCU — Lambert Park
Artarmon v. Sutherland — Artarmon Reserve

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Canterbury v. St. George — Arlington Oval
Auburn v. Pan Hellenic — Mona Park
Hakoah v. Melita Eagles — Wentworth Park
Prague v. Croatia — Marks Field
NS-Inter v. Bankstown — Cammeray Park
Balgownie v. Marconi — Balgownie Oval
Manly v. Granville — Graham Reserve
Corinthians v. Hornsby-NE — Jubilee Oval
Nth. Bankstown v. Western Suburbs — George Green Oval

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